

The Eye as you took say is
a decided Humbling-Work.

I believe that I was found
complete as regards its position.
The idea of the Albinism meeting
an experiment as to the
eye & getting lessons from the
animals he made, as to the
proper position of its position
& its adaptations, is ~~rather~~
adherent to all my ideas
of the divine purposes.

I am trying to get over
paper matters here to visitate
the paper you use for envelopes.
I hope that we shall succeed
although perhaps it will not be
so cheap as with you.

Your friend
J. M. Ballou

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My dear Prof. Gray
Many thanks for the trouble
you have taken as to the Carbon Plants.
They reached me safely & I paid the
money \$24.00 to Harvey on your
account. I shall be glad to get
Friedrich's paper for the Balance.
I don't thank you also for a copy
of Estates of Freshwater Mammals.
Your article on Darwin is certainly
what I have read on his side,
although I cannot call you an
out + out supporter of our friend.
You very properly say that you do
not advise any one to accept Darwin's
or any other denotation theory as true,
but the time has not come for that
& perhaps never will!

You are probably correct in saying
that to a certain extent the
views are not opposed to ~~the~~
Natural Theology. I think however
if you carry out Darwinian
hypotheses to its limits you
will find many difficulties.
I still believe that man was
created & not developed from
Chimpanzees. The denial of the
possibility of the creation of species
& the necessary consequence of
accepting the theory of the evolution
of the responsible creature man
from the irresponsible creature seems
the incompatibility with Noble
Naturalists.

Although we may allow much that
is said as to Natural Selection
(Who selects?) & struggle for life
still I do not see that we have
proof of the ~~the~~ excellence of
species variation into three
species, ~~or of the formation of the~~
~~sub-species~~ * I still believe
in limitation as to variation
in each species. The geological
argument fails completely
of Darwin's view
of fact in regard to natural
selection being mind unfathomable.
I do not believe in the possibility
of natural & the effects of the
animals, - for natural selection
in making them well